

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

13. **(Currently amended)** A method of forming a key hiding device, comprising:

providing a pop-up sprinkler having a cap and a housing;

removing the cap from the housing;

removing substantially all sprinkler parts from inside the housing so as to form a cavity therein adapted to receive a key; and

placing a key in the cavity so as to conceal the key from view.

14. **(Original)** The method of Claim 13, wherein the sprinkler stem inside the housing is removed.

15. **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim 13, further comprising re-attaching the cap to the housing, and affixing the device to the ground with the cap disposed substantially flush with the upper surface of the ground.

16. **(Currently amended)** The method of Claim 13, further comprising positioning the device adjacent to a plurality of ~~other conventional~~ functional pop-up sprinklers.

17. **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim 13, further comprising positioning the devices in the ground adjacent to other pop-up sprinklers.

18. **(Original)** The method of Claim 16, wherein the device is positioned in the front yard of a dwelling.

19. **(New)** A device for hiding keys or other small devices outdoors, comprising:
a housing having a base and a sidewall extending upwardly from the base to define a cylindrical cavity therein, wherein housing resembles a pop-up sprinkler housing, wherein the cavity is adapted to store keys and other items, wherein the housing does not contain a pop-up stem that is typically positioned inside pop-up sprinkler housings, thus providing sufficient space for storing the keys and other items;

a cap detachably engages with the housing, wherein the cap is configured to substantially resemble a sprinkler cap; and

wherein the device is adapted to be positioned outdoors adjacent a plurality of functional pop-up sprinklers so that the device cannot be readily identified.